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DEMOCRATIC NOMINEES.

For Governor:
CYRUS B. WATSON,
of Forsythe.

For Lieutenant Governor:
THOS. W. MASON,
of Northampton.

For Secretary:
CHAS. M. COOKE,
of Franklin.

For Auditor:
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of Buncombe.

For Treasurer:
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of Wayne.

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J. C. SCARBOROUGH,
of Johnston.

For Attorney-General:
F. I. OSBORNE,
of Mecklenburg.

For Supreme Court Judges:
A. C. AVERY, of Burke,
G. H. BROWN, of Beaufort.

Delegates at-Large to Chicago:
THOS. J. JARVIS, of Pitt.
E. J. HALE, of Cumberland.

A. M. WADDELL, of New Hanover,
J. R. WEBSTER, of Rockingham.

Electors at Large.
LOCKE CRAIG, W. C. DOUGLAS.

THINKS THEY WILL FUSE.

Mr. Claude Kitchin returned from Raleigh Monday. He lingered around the capital city a few days after the convention, and he gives it as his opinion that the Populists are determined to defeat the Democratic State ticket at all hazards. He thinks the leaders are willing to fuse with the Republicans in order to defeat the Democrats.

But let us hope for the masses of the Populists to vote with the Democrats. Indeed, it seems that there is no other consistent course for them to take. The Populists for quite a while now have rung the changes on free silver, and nothing else; and now that the Democrats have made a clear and unequivocal platform for free silver, have nominated a State ticket, every man of which is an avowed advocate of free silver, if Populists are sincere, to be sure, they will now co-operate with the Democratic party in the effort to secure what both are fighting for.

W. W. KITCHIN FOR CONGRESS.

Mr. W. W. Kitchin was nominated for Congress from the Fourth district by the Democratic convention at Greensboro last week. His many friends in Scotland Neck and Halifax county will be greatly gratified to learn of his nomination and sincerely hope he may be elected.

Mr. Kitchin is a talented young man, is of singularly pure life morally, is a fine debater, a good lawyer, and a most excellent choice for the people of his district. No better selection could have been made. Mr. Kitchin's ability is well known almost throughout the State; and when he spoke before the Democratic State convention in Raleigh last week, he was given an ovation that would have been an honor to the oldest and most experienced leader in the State.

The Commonwealth bespeaks a lively campaign between Mr. Kitchin and Mr. Settle, his opponent, and a victory for Mr. Kitchin in November.

DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION.

The State Democratic convention was held in Raleigh last week. The platform adopted and the ticket nominated we print elsewhere.

It was a great convention, and was classed as one of the ablest ever held in the State. There were giants, intellectual and physical, in it, and the work done by the convention is entirely satisfactory to the Democratic party all over the State. The Republicans will not like the very popular ticket that was nominated. Almost every one says it is the strongest ticket that could have been made.

The question of one or two conventions came up, and though largely in the minority the Halifax county delegation voted for two conventions in accordance with the sense of the county convention held in Halifax last week.

The strong men before us inspire hope in Democracy's cause and the determination to win in the fight is already spreading through the State like a prairie fire before a driving wind.

A GOOD SELECTION.

The Democratic executive committee of the Second Congressional district acted wisely in selecting Mr. W. A. Dunn as their chairman. Mr. Dunn is prudent and wise in his movements, as a leader, and yet progressive at every point and always fights to the finish.

The Commonwealth congratulates the Democracy of the district upon the selection of the committee and the committee on the selection of their chairman, and feels assured that no stone will be left unturned for our victory in November.

THE CONGRESSIONAL CONVENTION.

We had learned only a few facts about the Congressional convention at Goldsboro when we went to press last week; and it was therefore not full. From the Goldsboro Argus we gather the following accurate account:

Hon. F. A. Woodard was nominated by F. D. Winston of Bertie; Dr. W. P. Mercer was nominated by Dr. E. G. Moore of Edgecombe; Mr. George W. Sugg was nominated by Capt. Swift Galloway of Greene.

The first ballot stood: Woodard 259 3-5 and Mercer 67 2-5. The nomination of Mr. Woodard was made unanimous.

Capt. Swift Galloway, Mess. W. A. Dunn and Paul Jones were appointed to wait on Mr. Woodard. Maj. T. L. Emry and Mr. J. W. Grainger were elected delegates to the national convention. Mr. F. D. Winston was elected presidential elector.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

The Executive Committee was announced as follows: F. D. Winston, Bertie; Don Gilliam, Edgecombe; T. M. Jordan, Greene; W. A. Dunn Halifax; L. Harvey, Lenoir; W. H. Joyner, Northampton; Jos. E. Robinson, Wayne; M. J. Hawkins, Warren; John D. Gold, Wilson.

Mr. W. A. Dunn was made chairman.

MR. WOODARD SPOKE.

After the business of the Convention was over Mr. Woodard addressed his fellow citizens in a fitting speech expressing his appreciation of their confidence and thanking them for their support.

It is indeed quite a compliment to Mr. Woodard that he has thus been endorsed three times in succession by the Democrats of the Second district. Mr. Woodard is now serving his second term, having stood a contest for his seat by H. P. Cheatham and won in the fight as he did at the polls.

Mr. Woodard's record as a Representative in Congress has been satisfactory, except where there were some conflicting claims about post offices, and the like; and no living man can give perfect satisfaction under such circumstances.

The Commonwealth congratulates the Democrats of the district in the selection of their standard-bearer, and predicts a full vote for him at the polls in November.

The people of Scotland Neck remember with pleasure and pride Mr. Woodard's opening speech here in the last campaign. It was one of the clearest and most lucid arguments on the tariff that has ever been heard in the district; and Mr. Woodard's canvass this year will be a strong one, for he is always up to date on every question that concerns his constituency.

"A DEMOCRAT OF DEMOCRATS."

Mr. J. P. Caldwell editor of the Charlotte Observer, the leading advocate of the gold standard in the North Carolina Democratic press, said editorially in his paper from the State Convention:

"The nomination of Cyrus B. Watson of Forsythe, by the Democratic State convention last night, was made in great wisdom. He is a Democrat of Democrats, a clean man, a man of high ability, spotless record and approved fidelity and courage, well equipped with all the weapons of political warfare, fertile of resource, ready, bold, tireless. He will traverse the State from the mountains to the sea and rain such blows upon the head of Russell as will make that worthy curse the day he was born.

"Mr. Watson's speech of acceptance was in a lofty strain. It was memorable for its grand dignity and it went to the hearts of the convention and assured the delegates that they had made no mistake in their choice of a standard-bearer.

"Three times three for Watson now and for victory in November."

"J. P. C."

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OVATION TO NORTH CAROLINA'S NEXT GOVERNOR.

A special cent out from Winston June 26th, gave the following account of the ovation tendered Hon. Cy. Watson, Democratic nominee for Governor, on his return to his home in Winston:

"Hon. Cyrus B. Watson, North Carolina's next Governor, was given a grand ovation when he arrived home from Raleigh at 1:30 this afternoon. Several thousand people were at the depot in carriages, on horse back and on foot. When the engineer gave the station signal the Davis School cannon (which had been sent to the depot for the occasion) began firing salutes, the factory whistles blew, warehouse bells rang and the crowd yelled itself hoarse. This continued long after the train had rolled up to the passenger depot. In the welcoming party were Mayors Crutchfield and Hauser (both Republicans), Forsythe Riflemen, firemen with engine and hose wagon. The brass band was also on the scene and it helped to honor Forsyth's favorite son by rendering a number of inspiring selections.

"As the train pulled up to the station Mr. Watson was standing on a car platform from which he was taken bodily upon the shoulders of the most enthusiastic admirers and placed in a handsome 'coach and four' comprising a splendid carriage drawn by four beautiful iron gray horses. Amid the tremendous uproar of booming cannons, ringing bells, shrieking steam whistles and the shouting throng, a big procession, headed by the band wagon and comprising a long train of carriages, including many on bicycles and other conveyances filled with many of Winston-Salem's most prominent citizens, both Democrats and Republicans, was formed and moved off to Main street and thence down through Salem to the public square, where a great throng congregated to demand a 'rousing' speech from their 'next Governor.'

"The outer gallery of the Salem Female Academy was used as a rostrum and after the presentation of a large bouquet of flowers in behalf of the ladies of the Academy to the next Governor, Col. F. H. Fries introduced Lieutenant Governor Doughton, who spoke briefly but encouragingly and then made way for Mr. Watson, who said it was impossible for him to express his feelings and would have to leave it to their imaginations what was going on in his hot and restless heart. He was not looking for any such demonstration as this. Mr. Watson explained how he became a candidate for the nomination and made apt allusions to the campaign. He was tired and would have to be excused from making extended remarks."

STAND BY THE PARTY.

The Goldsboro Argus, which has been a strong gold paper, comes out in pronounced expression for loyalty to the Democratic party. It says:

"In the meantime, however, southern Democrats should stand by their party. The Southern people have nothing to gain and much to lose by a division of the Democratic party.

"It is much the wiser policy to wait and see what the outcome of the present political situation will be before taking any step likely to injure the party.

"As for the Argus, it is for the Democracy, if the party gets wrong, to help get it right again; but always in the party and for the party."

The Biblical Recorder of June 21 was a special educational number and it was a gem of beauty. The special cover was artistic in design and showed a stroke of enterprise that is seldom seen in religious papers. It was well filled with articles on matters of educators in the State. The paper ought to be filed in every home for reference on the subjects discussed in its columns.

President J. B. Brewer who has presided over Chowan Baptist Female Institute at Murfreesboro for fifteen years or more recently resigned, and Rev. W. O. Petty of Yorkville, S. C., has been elected President of that institution.

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Whereas, the Democratic party had its birth in Mr. Jefferson's great contest against the centralization of the powers of the Federal government, and in behalf of the strict construction of the Federal Constitution embodied in the tenth amendment thereto, in which all powers not delegated to it were expressly reserved to the States, respectively, or to the people; and whereas, the Republican party has ever been the party of centralization, resolved,

1. That we appeal to the people to observe this fundamental difference between the Democratic party and its traditional enemy in respect to the powers of the central government.

2. That the Constitution of the United States recognizes both gold and silver as the primary or redemption money of these States, and that, in the words of the National Democratic platform of 1884, "We believe in honest money, the gold and silver coinage of the Constitution, and a circulating medium convertible into such money without loss."

3. We favor, independently of other nations, the free and unlimited coinage of silver and gold, without discrimination against either, at the present legal ratio of 16 to 1, and we condemn the system which in a time of peace, with millions of silver bullion lying idle in the Treasury, has forced the government within the short period of two years, to issue \$262,000,000 of bonds, entailing this enormous debt upon the people in order to maintain its credit upon a single standard and a gold basis.

4. We condemn the action of the Secretary of the Treasury in following the Republican precedent of paying the obligations of the Government in gold which were specifically made payable in coin.

5. We hereby instruct our delegates to the National convention, both as to platform and candidates, to advocate and vote as a unit, unflinchingly and at all hazards, for the restoration of silver, and otherwise in obedience to the letter and spirit of the principles herein enunciated.

We further instruct our delegates, State and district, to use all their efforts to abrogate the two-thirds rule, if necessary to secure the nomination of a candidate in complete, in hearty, and in known accord with the principles herein enunciated by us.

6. We warn the people against the threatened combined evils of the gold standard and the McKinley Tariff. These twin monsters go hand in hand in their mission of destruction, drawing the very sustenance from the body of the people, and concentrating all wealth and power in the hands of a few.

7. We denounce the McKinley Tariff and all other forms of protective tariff legislation, and favor the constitutional tariff for revenue only.

8. We favor the repeal of the unconstitutional tax of ten per cent. on State banks of issue.

9. We declare ourselves in favor of a graduated income tax in order that wealth may bear its due proportion of the burden of supporting the government, and we favor an immediate amendment of the Constitution of the United States authorizing its levy and collection in express terms, leaving nothing for judicial construction.

10. We are unalterably opposed to legislation by which monopolies and trusts are created and fostered. We insist upon the faithful execution of the existing laws against the same, and upon such further legislation as may be necessary for their suppression.

11. We point with pride to the economic and stainless administration of the State government whenever Democracy has been in power.

12. We favor the enactment of such an election law as will secure the purity of the ballot, and for the maintenance and protection of the right of suffrage to all the citizens of the State.

13. We favor the continuance of the system of public education established by the Democratic party, and pledge ourselves to its increased efficiency as the condition of the people and public revenues may justify.

14. We favor the prompt, impartial and just administration of the criminal law of the State, and point with pride to the fact that a Democratic legislature first enacted a law against lynching, and that the faithful execution of the same has virtually suppressed that crime in the State.

We cordially invite all men, regardless of former political associations, to unite with us, in a fight to the finish for free silver, for low taxes, for higher prices, for agricultural products, for the economical administration of government, and for the freedom and individual sovereignty of the American citizen.

We declare our belief that the peace, prosperity and happiness of the people of North Carolina depend on the defeat of the Republican State ticket in the coming election.

LIKE GENTLE SHOWERS.

Kind Words For Scotland Neck.

(Correspondence to THE COMMONWEALTH.)

ROANOKE RAPIDS, June 26, '96.
Your correspondent is continually hearing something kind said of Scotland Neck and her people. I was a hotel clerk in Weldon three or four years and was necessarily thrown with a great many strangers and often heard them refer to their trip to Scotland Neck, and I am yet to hear one unkind word of your town. The commercial traveler never had an unkind word to say of Scotland Neck and a hotel clerk can learn as much or more from that class concerning a town than any other on earth. If it deserves praise or censure it will be sure to get it. And they always spoke in praise of the town and its people. Well, any town with such intelligent, enterprising go ahead men in it as yours has, must necessarily go forward. It has three nice churches whose pastors are among the most intelligent christian gentlemen in our land. Large congregations attend them all. In addition to those they have a bank which is doing a good business, a knitting mill which gives employment to about 125 operatives, a twenty thousand dollar hotel. They also have schools second to none in the State for a town of fifteen hundred inhabitants. This town is indebted in a great measure to THE DEMOCRAT, now THE COMMONWEALTH, for its success. It has been untiring in its efforts to build up Scotland Neck and it has succeeded and deserves the hearty support of its citizens, and I presume has it. The gentlemen in charge of the bank, telegraph office, post office, hotel, and COMMONWEALTH office are among the most courteous and gentlemanly men to be found in any town. The merchants of this town are all good business men and are successful in business. You seldom hear of any financial trouble with the business men of Scotland Neck. The town is noted for health. Fifteen years ago this town was without shipping of any kind, but with their usual vim its citizens went to work and raised money and then a railroad was built and now they have a freight and passenger train either way daily except Sunday with as clever and efficient set of men in charge of them as ever pulled a throttle or punched a ticket. If Scotland Neck possessed the advantages that some towns have it would soon have a population of five thousand.

Mr. Editor,—You may take this communication and do as you please with it. It goes to you unsought. The writer has simply voiced the sentiments of himself and hundreds of others. He has no axe to grind at the hands of your good people.

W. B. WHITEHEAD.

PLYMOUTH NEWS.

(Correspondence to THE COMMONWEALTH.)

PLYMOUTH, N. C., June 29, '96.
We are sorry to learn that Rev. J. L. Cunningham who went off sometime ago to take a few days' rest is sick at the home of his sister in Durham. We hope for his speedy recovery and return to his people.

There is comparatively speaking very little sickness in our town now. I am persuaded that Plymouth can show as good health record as any town in North Carolina; yet a great many people believe that coming here means to give the undertaker immediate patronage.

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The Roanoke Rail Road and Lumber Company will begin regular work at their new mill this week. The new mill is quite an improvement on the old. There are five large saw mills here and all are doing well.

We like the new name for your paper and think the change wise; not that we object to the word "Democrat," for that word has a musical ring in our ears, but because we think the new name more appropriate in view of the fact that there are so many papers in the State and elsewhere that are styled "Democrat."

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